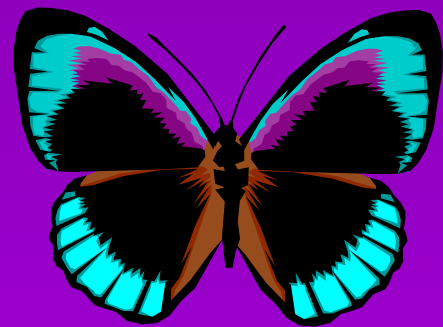


IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOVERY PLANS WHEN ASSESSING IMPACTS TO LISTED SPECIES

Recovery

What is it?

- the cornerstone and ultimate purpose of the endangered species program



Recovery



What is it?

- The goal of the recovery program is to restore listed species to a point where they are secure, self-sustaining components of their ecosystem so as to allow for their delisting.

Recovery



- Projects
- Project reviews - section 7 consultations
- Federal agencies have an additional responsibility through section 7(a)(1)

Recovery

Know the Recovery Plan

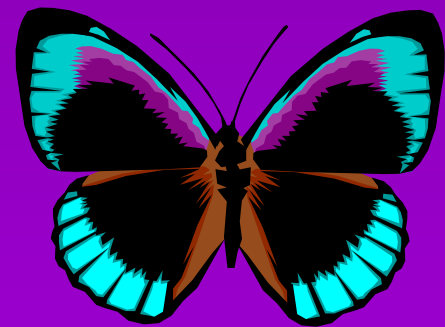
Recovery Plans:

- delineate, justify, and schedule actions to recover species

Recovery

Recovery Plans must contain:

- Objective measurable criteria
- Site-specific management actions
- Estimates of time and cost



Recovery



Recovery Plans

- Contents of a plan:
 - Introduction
 - Goals and criteria
 - Tasks
 - Implementation schedule

Recovery

Know the Limitations

- Staffing
- Funding
- Time

Recovery

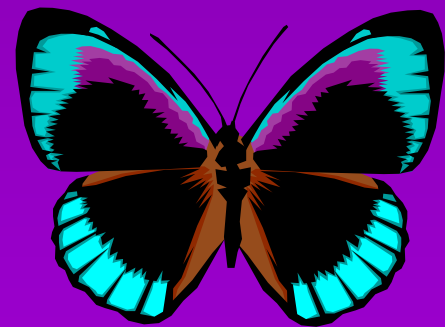
What if there's no final Recovery Plan?

- Recovery Outline
- Go to 5-factor analysis in final rule to list the species
- Is there a draft recovery plan?

Recovery

Coordination is Key to Successful Implementation

- Lead recovery biologist
- Species coordinator
- Consultation biologists



Recovery

Lead Recovery Field Office Responsibilities:

- Tracking task implementation
- Maintaining updated species information
- Reporting progress toward recovery

Recovery

Reporting Requirements and Audits

- Recovery Report to Congress
- Recovery Expenditures Report
- GPRA Report
- Inspector General Audit
- General Accounting Office Audit

Recovery

Just do it!

- Ensure all activities are well coordinated and reasoned

Recovery



Benefits:

- species get stabilized and/or recovered!
- helps build public support to show successes (the ESA works)
- can benefit other (unlisted) species in the ecosystem

